

**North Cumberland Fire District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of May 18, 2011 Meeting**

**Present: Edward LeBlanc, Chairman Others: Ghislaine Therien,  
Clerk**

**Paul Lindquist Robert Murray, Treasurer  
Matthew Gannon Martin Klara, Tax Collector  
John Aharonian Chief Brian Jackvony  
John Patrick McCoy  
Art Lambi Absent:  
Brian Campbell  
Michael Spaziani**

**OPENING**

**Mr. LeBlanc called to order the regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) at 7:00 p.m.**

**CLERK'S REPORT- March Meeting**

**Mr. LeBlanc stated the following corrections should be made to the April Minutes:**

- „« Page 1 March 2011 P/L iV should read \$1,665K**
- „« Page 1 Expenses iV add i\$revenuei” after \$108,705.14**
- „« Page 2 Buildings iV Delete all after i\$May meeting.i”**
- „« Page 3 Committee Reports 3rd bullet iV add i\$including attorneyi's**

fees and it was agreed that one-half would be paid by the Attorney and one-half by District.

Clerk will make corrections.

Motion made by Mr. Spaziani to accept the Clerk's report with corrections. Motion seconded by Mr. Lindquist. Motion carried by all present.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Murray submitted his report and highlighted the following:

#### **NCFD Payroll and Overtime**

Through April of FY 2010/2011, overtime cost is \$147,267.56 compared to \$180,845.93 last fiscal year. Overtime for the month of April 2011 was \$7,168.04 versus \$15,201.46 last year.

Percent of total expenses: 9.49%

#### **Month of April 2011 P/L**

##### **Income/Revenue:**

\$1,917K YTD collected in 2011 vs. \$1,699K in 2010

Collected 98.1% of budgeted amount

Interest earned on average balance 1.25% through April 2011 (\$660,000 Navigant)

##### **Expenses:**

Received \$27,000 grant reimbursement

\$65,403.60 payroll w/\$7,000 OT

**„X Chief's salary accrued Feb/March**

**„X Pension \$15,802.16**

**„X Expenses in excess of expenditures \$86,964.13**

#### **April 2011 YTD Profit and Loss**

**„X Total Savings/Cash \$905,673.26; V Liabilities/Equity \$2,701,195.26**

**„X \$500,000.00 transferred from Citizens to Navigant Credit Union in February**

**„X \$155,000.00 excess from proceeds of Engine 5 refinance**

**„X \$2,701K total liabilities and equity**

**Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Lambi to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.**

#### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**„X Mr. Klara submitted his report for April 2011. Taxes collected totaled \$38,456.48.**

**„X Moving forward with tax sale; V list sent to attorney for title searches.**

**„X Total taxes collected to date \$1,920,918.58**

**„X Total taxes due \$293,087.39**

**„X Mr. Lambi inquired about compiling a certified listing of residents owing taxes.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lindquist and seconded by Mr. Lambi to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT/MONTHLY EXPENDITURES**

**Chief Jackvony submitted his monthly report for April 2011 and highlighted the following:**

### **Emergency Calls:**

**„X The North Cumberland Fire Department responded to 131 incidents in the month of April. This represents 3 (3%) more than the same month in 2010.**

### **Personnel/Equipment:**

**„X Remainder of IMC training rescheduled for 6/16. Invoice sent to other districts for cost share of the grant.**

**„X Appointment of new call firefighters, new SOP guidelines on appointments.**

### **Buildings/Grounds:**

**„X Roof over main building needs replacement prior to winter ;V soliciting quotes.**

**„X Pine tree at rear of station has been cut.**

### **Equipment:**

**„X Multi-gas meter replacement - cost being sought.**

**„X GPS units for Engine 5, Truck 5.**

**Motion made by Mr. Gannon and seconded by Mr. Lambi to accept the Chief's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Financial Management, Budget, Taxes:**

**„X Waiting for Blue Cross figures.**

**„X Tax sale on schedule.**

**„X Five Year Capital Worksheet**

- Mr. Lambi emailed draft spreadsheet to members**
- Need to determine how much to set aside for capital expenditures**
- Identify large expenses over next five years**

### **Apparatus/Buildings/Grounds**

**„X Bids for new heating system not yet out to bid.**

**„X Received one quote for roof replacement - \$ 5,765.00.**

### **Personnel/Labor Relations**

**„X Appreciation Dinner cost \$800.74. Received \$750.00 donation from Minuteman.**

### **Negotiations**

**„X Meeting end of May.**

## **Labor Management**

**„X Nothing to report.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Chief DeVecchio Severance Pay**

**„X Reviewed comp time documentation submitted by Chief. He received what he was entitled to per his contract.**

### **Audit of 2010 Finances**

**„X Received breakdown of \$5,000 invoice.**

### **Policy for Tax Abatements and Credits**

**„X Mr. LeBlanc emailed policy to members for review.**

### **Ferreira & Caron Grievances**

**„X Settled**

### **Vendor List**

**„X Mr. LeBlanc emailed list to members for review.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Trustee Vacancies/Annual Meeting**

**„X Ad needs to be placed for two upcoming Trustee vacancies and Annual Meeting in June.**

### **Resolution regarding House Bill 5103, NPFA 1500 Standards**

**„X Mr. LeBlanc emailed members the Minutes from Town Council Meeting**

**„X Advertised as unfunded mandate**

**„X Chief Jackvony testified in favor of the Bill as a private citizen**

**„X Chief explained NFPA 1500 Bill to members**

**„X We are in compliance with the 1987 edition**

**„X Mr. Lambi made a Motion to table discussion on this item until more information was obtained. Motion seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion carried by all present.**

**House Bill 2011 H6100, Limit Tax Increases by Cumberland Fire Districts**

**„X Mr. LeBlanc stated the Bill limits the ability of fire districts to increase taxes**

**„X Bill still in Committee**

**„X Will discuss further at June meeting**

**Status of Pension Fund**

**„X 30% increase in contributions in 2012**

**„X Need to discuss options for next year**

**„X Mr. Lambi suggested possibly withdrawing from the pension system and looking at other options**

**„X**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

„X Christopher Smith inquired about old surplus equipment (hose lengths) at the station for an antique fire engine he recently purchased. Board agreed to give him the hoses.

**Executive Session per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (2)**

**Motion made by Mr. Lambi and seconded by Mr. Gannon to move into Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (2) (9) Pending Arbitration and Litigation and R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2). Motion carried by all present.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lindquist and seconded by Mr. McCoy to adjourn Executive Session. Motion carried by all present.**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Mr. Gannon and seconded by Mr. McCoy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all present to adjourn the public meeting at 9:20 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted, APPROVED:**

**Ghislaine D. Therien**

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**Clerk**